

Protect The Piggy Carefully

"Big Fat Piggy", Part 2 of 3
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Three Practices That Keep Your Piggy From Starvation

I) TAKE FROM PIGGY IN ___MEASURED AMOUNTS___

Leveraging The Benefits Of Budgeting

1) Budgeting helps you accumulate ___MUCH MORE MONEY___.

"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."
(Proverbs 21:5, LB)

2) Budgeting helps you know what you ___HAVE TO WORK WITH___.

"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations."
(Proverbs 27:23-24, NIV)

3) Budgeting helps you make ___SOUND SPENDING DECISIONS___.

"A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps."
(Proverbs 14:15, NIV)

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him."
(Luke 14:28-29, NIV)

II) NEVER LEAVE PIGGY w/ AN ___EMPTY STOMACH___

Avoiding The Damage Of Debt

1) Debt should almost always be ___AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS___.

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another..."
(Romans 13:8a, NIV)

2) Debt accounts should be ___PAID OFF STRATEGICALLY___.

"Don't withhold payment of your debts. Don't say, 'Some other time,' if you can pay now."
(Proverbs 3:27-28, LB)

3) Debt is usually driven by ___UNHEALTHY AMBITION(S)___.

"The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires."
(Proverbs 11:6, NIV)

"One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth."
(Proverbs 13:7, NIV)

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."
(1 Timothy 6:10, NIV)

"Indulging in luxuries, wine, and food will never make you wealthy."
(Proverbs 21:17, TEV)

"Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint."
(Proverbs 23:4, NIV)

4) Debt eventually leads you into ___PERSONAL ENSLAVEMENT___.

"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender."
(Proverbs 22:7, NIV)

III) REMEMBER THE BASIS FOR ___CONTENTMENT___

(Hint: It's not found inside the piggy)

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it."
(1 Timothy 6:6-7, NIV)

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"
(Hebrews 13:5, NIV)

"Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred."
(Proverbs 15:17, NIV)